

In the Claims

The attached CLAIMS show the status of the instant claims, including allowed claims, withdrawn claims and cancelled claims.

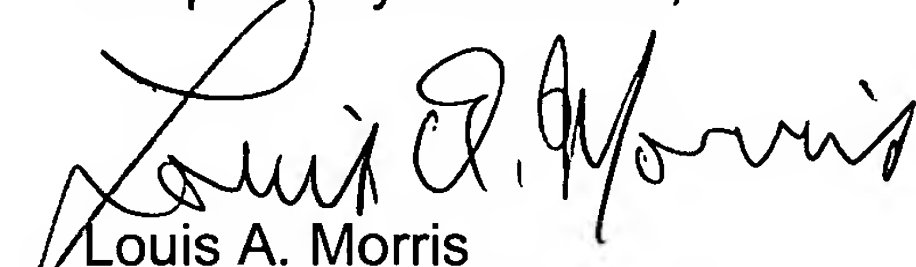
Remarks

Applicants express their appreciation for the allowance of claims 1-17.

Rejected claims 18-24 have been cancelled and claims 25-27 are indicated as having been withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-17 proceed to issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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